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SUBJECT: SWISS CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC

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1. THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES UNFDAC
IN ITS FUNCTION OF SOLICITING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
INTERNATIONAL DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. WHILE THE DEPARTMENT
DOES NOT SUPPORT THE DND (SAENGER) AND UNFDAC (ARNAUD)
REQUEST FOR SWISS FUNDS FOR THE BAN DONE PROJECT IN LAOS,
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IT DOES WANT TO ENCOURAGE A SWISS CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC.
THEREFORE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT MISSION GENEVA ATTEMPT TO
PERSUADE UNFDAC TO SEEK AN OPEN CONTRIBUTION FROM THE
SWISS SO THAT IT MAY BE USED AS NEEDED. IF THE SWISS PRE-
FER TO EARMARK THEIR CONTRIBUTION FOR USE IN A PARTICULAR
COUNTRY, PERHAPS A PROJECT IN THAILAND BASED ON THE SUCCESS-
FUL UNFDAC PILOT PROGRAM WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

2. IN SUPPORT OF UNFDAC SOLICITATION OF THE SWISS, EMBASSY BERN SHOULD BE PREPARED TO APPROACH THE GOS AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL TO ENCOURAGE SWISS CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC.

3. ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS:

(A) THE UNITED STATES IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AT THE AMOUNTS OF ILLICIT OPIUM GROWN IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IN THE AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN AREA OF CENTRAL ASIA AND THE RESULTING INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN HEROIN, MUCH OF WHICH NOW FINDS ITS WAY TO THE STREETS OF EUROPEAN CITIES. WE BELIEVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS CAN HAVE A BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON REDUCTION OF THE OPIUM CROP.

(B) WE ARE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THE RECENT EFFORTS OF THAILAND AND BURMA TO ERADICATE ILLICIT NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING, AND BELIEVE THAT THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL UNFDAC PILOT OPIUM CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT IN THAILAND DESERVES TO CONTINUE UNDER NEW FUNDING THROUGH UNFDAC.

IF THE SWISS NEED TO BE DIVERTED FROM CONTRIBUTING TO A LAO PROJECT, THE FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE USED:
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(1) CONTINUING REPORTS OF LPDR OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES LEAD US TO QUESTION THE COMMITMENT OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT TO NARCOTICS CONTROL.

(2) U.S. VIEWS ON UNFDAC PROJECTS IN LAOS HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO UNFDAC AND TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS DESIGNATED FUNDS FOR USE IN LAOS. CHRISTOPHER

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